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(Original.)

When the clouds seem dense and darkest
And no rays of light appear,
Weary, downcast, footsore pilgrim
Cling to hope, without a fear.

Soon the heavy clouds will brighten
If your hopes are fixed above;
Never doubt God's sacred promise,
Never doubt His power and love.

Though through thorny ways he lead you,
Thus to try and strengthen faith
Do not faint or doubt or tremble,
Clasp the cross, and hope, and wait.

Wait till o'er the sky once darkened
Shining forth in beauty bright
You can trace the beams of Heaven
In a radiant glowing light.

God's grand promises fulfilling
While the day is dawning still
Every sigh of sorrow hushing
With a whisper, "peace be still."

Mrs. A. E. De Johnson,
Phila., Pa.

NEW YORK, *April* 8th, 1880.

MY DEAR GRANNIE:

To-morrow (Friday) evening the entertainment to be given by the St. Phillip's Musical Association takes place, and all the "Toney" are making preparations to go. The general question is, Are you going to the St. Phillip's musical and dramatic entertainment? I may as well give you an idea of this association, who they are, and their object: It represents the most intelligent young men of this city, nearly all them holding responsible positions; object is to sustain a boy choir in St. Phillip's P. E. Church and further the interest of the above Church in any direction. They have just elected one of their members as vestryman, Mr. Edward Barefield who is a fair representative of the association—and Grannie, what's more, they are all *good looking*. The proceeds of this entertainment are to be devoted to paying off the debt on the organ of the church. On Wednesday evening, March 31st, St. Phillip's P. E. Church was crowded to its utterm... The occasion being confirmation. Bishop Potter administered the rite of confirmation to a very large class. In the course of his remarks to the new members of the church, he impressed upon them the responsibility they had taken on themselves; that they would meet with many obstacles in the christian walk, but they must onward tread in the path they had chosen.

The social re-union tendered to Rev. Dr. Garnett took place on Wednesday evening and was a grand success. On Saturday afternoon as the Dr. was leaving the church, he was seized with an apoplectic fit falling from the top of the stairs to the bottom. Three Doctors were summoned to his assistance and he was soon relieved. His family physician seems to think he is out of danger, but his days of usefulness are nearly over. If the colored people of this city should lose him, it would be a very severe blow to them as he is honored and loved b... them all.

The Croquet surprise party given by the Lincoln Literary Association on Thursday evening, April 1st, at Lyric Hall was a grand affair. The hall being uncomfortably filled, no comfort in dancing could be had till the crowd commenced to thin out when it was near time for all to go home.

Who do you think was married on Thursday, April 1st? Miss Kate Hawley to A. M. Robinson of New Haven, Ct. There will be another wedding very soon, but I must not say anything as yet about it.

Rob took me to the walking match and oh my! I never saw such an awful crowd of people. Why Grannie, they would walk on you, spit on you, push you and take your pocket book is the bargain if they had the chance. At this writing the race is still uncertain. Hart, the colored man, and Dobler are both doing their level best and it's only a question as to who will hold out the longest, however, Hart is the favorite with Pegram, one of the other colored men, steadily growing in the estimation of the betting men. He has promised to walk 100 miles every day and up to evening at 12 o'clock he had done so.

The newspapers are all full of the outrage committed on Cadet Whittaker at West Point. The general public seem to think that he fixed the whole thing himself, in order to avoid examination which takes place soon. That looks funny. It is no use talking, Grannie, the white people with not tolerate the Negro being on an equal footing with them.

The Shaw Guards or some other kind of guards arrived in town this a.m. They will be the guest of the Lincoln Guards of this city, who give a grand reception this evening.

I must now close; but one word. I wish you could see Rob's hair now, you know when he... it was kinder kinky, but now ... curl straight. He says that M... ve you it, of 14 and Bleeker street... with not him.—Great city—this ... days ago I ... must die, bye, must finish my dre... -a-day ...ning.

...day and your grandaughter,
...ow boy. A. SALLY HOPKINS.

BALTIMORE NOTES

By P. E. N.

The weather Easter Morning was mild and beautiful, the congregations of our Catholic Episcopal and Methodist churches unusually large, the floral decorations copious and beautiful, the music of high order as well as grand.

We visited Bethel A. M. E. School first and found the large room filled by the members of the school their friends and relatives. The room looked beautiful in its floral garb, flying banners and the pretty faces of the 600 scholars.

Flowers of all classes were arranged with delicate care here, and everywhere.

Just within the rail in the rear of the Superintendent's desk was one mass of choice flowers, harmoniously blended as to color, from the midst of this lovely bed of "plants and glad flowers, first fruits of earth" rose a magnificent floral cross six feet in hight. The "Easter Lily" was everywhere conspicuous.

Mr. Isaac Myers the energetic Superintendent presided, Mr. R. G. Carrol Supt. of the Primary Department in a very appropriate speech presented the Rev. J. W. Beckett in behalf of his department, a very handsome present in the shape of a nicely bound volume of "Gospel Hymns" 1, 2, and 3, bearing the inscription: Rev. J. W. Beckett. A token of love from the primary department of Bethel A. M. E. Sunday School.

Thursday evening last some of the members and friends of Bethel A. M. E. Church, Saratoga street, expressed their appreciation of their pastor, Rev. J. W. Beckett, by giving him an agreeable and substantial surprise. About 11 P. M. a committee was sent to the parsonage, and the pastor aroused from his slumbers and taken in a closed carriage to the church, where, in the lecture room, a large company awaited his arrival. He was conducted to the altar, and received by Mr. Isaac Myers, who, on behalf of the committee and friends present, made an appropriate address, expressive of the high regard in which the pastor is held by the members and friends of his congregation, and their appreciation of his labors, presenting him with a purse containing the sum of $55. Rev. Mr. Beckett received the purse very cordially, making a happy response. A piece of muslin was also presented to Mrs. Beckett. When the presentation was over the company were served with a hearty spread, and after spending a short time in social conversation, separated, all well pleased with the performances of the evening. The following named committee—Mrs. Annie Ridout, Eliza Quebec, Susan Carrol, Isabella Ricks, Susan Sharper, Lydia Sheppard, Misses Susan Gibson, Annie Deane, Ella Burgess and Mr. Arthur L. Roberts—deserve great credit for the excellent manner in which they conducted the entertainment.

At St. Mary's ... was joyous bright and beautiful, the ... looked lovely with ... bright li... wealth of growing verdure co...ed with bloom, the beautiful altar decked, pots of rare "Easter Lilies," and handsome vases filled with hyacinths and roses, and the air heavy with the perfume of flowers. The music was of high order and finely rendered by the choristers assisted by a picked orchestra, under the direction of Mr. C. A. Johnson the organist. We noticed in the audience Messrs. C. A. Fleetwood, Harry Johnson, Lorraine Peters and Brown of Washington.

A number of energetic newspapers and one or two bureau agents have been plying the delegates, as fast as appointed, to the Chicago convention with questions as to their preferences. The delegate who is capable of representing an intelligent constituency will not be likely to send in his proxy in this manner in advance of the convention. The delegates from Indiana will go to Chicago uninstructed, and they should also go untrammeled and unpledged. Indiana presents no candidate, and is only interested in securing the nomination of a good ticket, one that can be elected. The delegates should, and we have no doubt will, inform themselves on this all-important question of availability up to the very day they are called upon to vote, and then, after comparing notes, will cast the vote of the State solid for the most available candidate. This may or may not be one of the three candidates now most prominent named. If the Democrats nominate Seymour, a thing they are now most likely to do, and place on the ticket with him a popular Western man, the question of availability becomes an exceedingly important one. Who is the man that can carry New York or Indiana against, say, Seymour and Hendricks? One of these two States, which voted for Tilden and Hendricks in 1876, must be carried by the Republicans this year, else the Republicans party is in imminent danger of defeat. Headed devotion to the ex-President, to the Plumed Knight or the great Financial Secretary should not blind the delegate to Chicago to the proper solution of this practical question. The man who carries either New York or Indiana against Seymour and Hendricks must be a man who can command the united, unanimous vote of the Republican party, and command some votes from the opposition. This cannot be done with any candidate who has to be defended on any question. The Republicans have been able in the past to depend with almost mathematical certainty upon Democratic blunders to pull them through close places. If we are going to depend entirely on Democratic blunders in the coming campaign, then we can consistently pursue the present warfare between the three leading candidates; but we may as well understand that if we do persist, nothing else will save us from defeat. The Democrats have placed themselves on their good behavior, and may continue this padlock system until after the presidential election. They may nominate their most available man, and stake everything upon the coming contest, raising no new issues for the campaign, and, if they do, they may render a Republican victory doubtful under the banner of either of the three leading candidates now before the people. This is a year when all personal preferences should be subordinated to the paramount duty of selecting the most available man. These are facts which should be carefully weighed by the delegates to Chicago before they hand in their proxies. —*Indiana State Journal.*

LEAP YEAR HINTS.

Teach children that a true lady may be found in calico quite as frequently as in velvet.

Teach them that a common school education, with common sense, is better than a college education without it.

Teach them that one good honest trade well mastered is worth a dozen beggarly "professions."

Teach them that "honesty is the best policy"—that it is better to be poor than rich on the profits of "crooked whiskies," etc., and point precepts by the example of those who are suffering the torments of the doomed.

Teach them to respect their elders and themselves.

Teach them that as they expect to be men some day, they cannot too soon learn to protect the weak and helpless.

Teach them that to wear patched clothes is not a disgrace, but to wear a "black eye" is.

Teach them that God is no respecter of sex, and that when he gave the seventh commandment he meant it for their own good as well as for their sisters.

Teach them that by indulging their depraved appetites in the worst forms of dissipation they are not fitting themselves to become the husbands of pure girls.

Teach them 'tis better to be an honest man seven days in the week, than to be a Christian (?) one day and a villain six days.

Teach them that God helps those who helps themselves.

Do all this and you will have them brought up "in the way they should go."

The "Boys" Business.

There is one thing that a great many white gentlemen, especially politicians, in this part of God's country ought to learn as quick as they possibly can, and that is how to salute colored gentlemen. The almost universal salutation by aspiring candidates and their friends to colored men is "Hello! boy," "Howd'y boys," "What'll you take, boys?" and so on for quantity. It not infrequently happens, too, that the person extending such a greeting is a beardless cub of 18 or 22 years, while the person thus addressed may be a venerable gray-haired man of 60, or a man of education, intelligence and culture, upon whose ears and manhood such a salutation, coming from such a source, grates with excessive harshness and who never receives such a greeting without feeling himself himself belittled and insulted. He sometimes has trouble, too, in restraining his right foot from a violent desire to osculate with the lower extremity of the spinal column of the individual thus addressing him. Mark you, we do not object to this style of salutation between parties who are in every respect equal, but what we do object to is its reservation for and wholesale application to colored men. Let white gentlemen address colored gentlemen just as they would white gentlemen. If they are on intimate terms with colored men, let them address these men just as they would be addressed by them, and not in a style, which, if applied to them by their colored friends, would be offensive. In short, white gentlemen ought to learn how to address colored gentlemen in a style different to that which they apply to boot-blacks.—*Ind. Leader.*

Notes in Georgia.

SAVANNAH, GA., *April* 9th, 1880.

MR. EDITOR—DEAR SIR:

Your subscribers may not object to knowing a little more of our condition here in the South. Business is lively for the reason of the year. Everybody seems to be prosperously engaged, from the banker to the bootblack.

The whites here, contrary ... opinion of most people there, are polite and considerate. They really appear to take an interest in the welfare of the colored people. But unhappily, I am aware that this benevolence is bounded by the city limits, and that, in the rural districts of the states equal justice is not known to the poor man of color. We have, for truth, nothing to boast of here in the metropolis of the State, but, as remarked above, there is more liberty enjoyed here than could be expected by those familiar with the treatment to which the laboring classes in the South are subjected.

It is true that we ... for the colored man is below a fair rate, but through himself sacrificing perseverance, he has accumulated something in the shape of a ... If under these adverse circumstances, progress has been made, what might we not expect, if he only had a man's chance in the race of life?

The white people here seem to have a preference for Seymour on the ... They do not say right out whom they favor in their party for the Presidency, but they are open in their declaration that Mr. Seymour loves the southern people, and they love him.

The colored people here know only one man, and he is known to the world, and to say they favor his nomination in the Republican party is to use the very mildest terms to express their preference for him. And yet the most ... of them admit their entire dependence upon the North for the success ... ly this Fall, and therefore ... North must nominate as it must ... Florida is the only southern state that is at all probable for the Republicans ... an absolute certainty. Therefore the South will take a dignified back seat in the Chicago convention; and ... they ... our nominee will be, they will not ... their choice, if the North does ... d.

Very ...

A Correction.

Washington, D. C.,
April 6th, 1880.

MR. EDITOR:

Your issue of this date ... comment copied from the *La...* further ... that comment ... subject ... mine to ... ... THE FREEDMAN'S HOSPITAL: not have ... New and Enlarged Edition. cond ... the devout and lavish ministrations of the ... New York and cultonist at present, though it is ... count of her markable the number of fine reader... ington affords, and all ladies!"

You will observe that I make no ... of any kind except as to the fact that Washington possesses a number of fine readers, and all ladies! I said, "*I think*" Miss Somerville our best elocutionist at present. Not availing myself even of the privilege of using the indefinite *We*.

The editor of the *Louisianian* had not the slightest intention of misrepresenting me, I am free to say I do not believe you had either, but he unquestionably read me hastily manuscript, you quietly, in type. You therefore need not have repeated his error. It will be time enough to defend Mrs. Hill and Miss Mason when they are attacked, which will never be, by— MARIA.

Third-Termism.

We don't oppose Grant on these grounds; but we naturally believe Blaine or Sherman are better men than Grant, and believe they can poll larger votes than he can, secondly, we believe that Blaine and Sherman are more friendly to the oppressed; therefore we support the last named candidates in preference to Grant. So far as third-termism is concerned, Grant is just the same as though he never was President, because the expiration of four years has done away with that clause in the unwritten law of our country, prohibiting the third term. Let the colored man look to his own interest, as white men do, and drop this follow-my-leader policy, for we have followed to our sorrow and to our death, so proclaim to them all over this broad land to vote to their best interest regardless of any party or policy. I am no politician but I have a keen eye to the interests of the race, and we must stop this fighting one another in the papers. We should try and raise one another up—I don't mean countenance a wrong, but try to mend wrongs without laying war to the knife.—Cor. of the Chicago *Advocate.*

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SATURDAY, April 17, 1880.

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The *People's Advocate*, Washington, D. C. Brother Cromwell advocates principles and not men. "Sound doctrine, live on and prosper," says the *Exodus*—From the *Exodus*.

On and after this week our Philadelphia delinquents will please pay Mr. Levi Cromwell who will act as our general agent for that city, instead of C. Howard Johnson who has previously acted in this capacity.

Frank Hart stands to day at the head of the world's pedestrians. We not especially admire the calling of professional pedestrian and, therefore, do not envy any one's record in that line; but be it to his credit, and that of the race that this Negro has a good square leg on him. Hurrah for Hart and his $16,000! Frank, just send us one-sixteenth and we'll bet on you every time.

We perceive that the white compositors on the Daily *Witness* have struck because of the employment of T. T. Fortune and W. W. Sampson, two colored men formerly employed by us. This is the same spirit which does not tolerate the presence of a colored cadet at West Point and which drove them from Annapolis. Let Mr. Dougall stick; if no white compositors will work for him, we guarantee him that he can get enough colored ones. Washington alone can furnish him three or four.

Bishop Hillery of the A. M. E. Zion Church in a recent lecture delivered at San Francisco says the following: "The prevailing distress is felt more in the Roman Catholic districts, because the peasants give to the church every shilling they can spare over and above what is requisite for their living. When a bad season comes, they have [illegible] to appeal to outside charity. There has been the same failure of crops in England and Scotland as in Ireland, but very little is heard of the sufferings experienced [illegible]

The [illegible]-sided investigation at West [illegible] is but of a piece of Gen. Schofield's [illegible]nistration when in command of Virg[illegible] the early days of reconstruct[illegible] examination up to Wednesday [illegible]eeded upon the theory that C[illegible]hittaker had mutilated and otherwise [illegible]bused himself, rather than it [illegible]ffort to prove who really did the outrage. But fortunately for [illegible] a course of procedure did [illegible]sanction of the Cabinet. [illegible]on of Martin I. Townsend [illegible]ker's counsel, [illegible] zealously [illegible]ate his honesty. *Graphic* that [illegible] a mystery.

[illegible]ondent of the [illegible] we had no in[illegible]m or questioning [illegible]ght to say what he did about Frederick Douglass; but we did and do question the propriety of what he published, and that's all there is about it. We have never sought the personal influence of Mr. Douglass in behalf of the *Advocate*; we do not agree with him in his views on the exodus, and possibly on other questions of public policy, but that affords neither justification nor occasion for not defending him when wantonly assailed or saying that he is not a representative man, the most eminent Negro American, when his career from a plantation slave to a consummate orator and forcible writer tells mankind just the reverse. It is a custom for some people to shower benisons on those from whom they are soliciting favors; but let the favor be refused, and then it is "bad luck to you, you never were anything, your parents before you were beggars." We submit this is not a good policy.

GRANT OR BLAINE?

As the struggle proceeds, the friends of Grant and Blaine develope their strength and prepare themselves for the onset. Our readers are aware that we have stated our preference for John Sherman as decidedly the safest candidate to follow in this contest. We abate not one jot of our conviction, but recent events show that he will be prominent in the National Convention simply as a compromise candidate or second choice after Blaine and Grant, have worried one another, or the one comes out with colors flying, the man for the hour.

As between Grant and Blaine, we have no hesitation whatever in declaring for the former, and in giving him our hearty and cordial support. We believe he will be stronger before the people in spite of the third term bugbear than the Plumed Knight of Maine. On his integrity there is neither blot nor stain; his patriotism is attested by his civil as well as his military career; his firmness is proverbial, and he has never been reputed a demagogue.

While Blaine evidently is the choice of the North, considered as an independent section, Grant is the desire of the country as a whole. The former might sweep the one section as a whirlwind; the latter will arouse an enthusiasm which, starting from Lakes Champlain and Itasca, will sweep on and on across Mason and Dixon's line, and there adding moral and physical courage to popular enthusiasm, break up the solid South of the Democracy. If we cannot have Sherman give us Grant.

OURSELVES.

Four years have elapsed since the ADVOCATE first flung her banner to the breeze. On the day subsequent to the unveiling of the Lincoln Monument in this city, its first issue came out in the neighboring city of Alexandria. At that time there were but few papers published, owned and controlled by colored men. Of those then in existence, the *Christian Recorder*, *Progressive American* and the *Elevator* have alone kept up without break or intermission. It will be seen that the ADVOCATE has a longer existence than any other paper published south of Pennsylvania. During these years a host of them have sprung up and continued into existence, while many more have fallen by the wayside. During this time, fully thirty different publications have started and fallen by the wayside; three in existence prior to that date have succumbed to the stern and relentless demand, but today fifty-two other publications are manfully struggling onward in the line of duty.

Of the power exerted by these publications, there is no doubt; it is not conscious, because it has not yet been concentrated in any one line of action; though we doubt not that the time will soon come when the organization of this force will redouble its power, and extend the sphere of its usefulness. To those who thus far have stood by us, we extend our heartfelt thanks. But for such friends the ADVOCATE would have gone out in obscurity within its first year; but by their aid it has grown steadily in influence and stands now on the threshold of a most exciting era in our history. Now, as heretofore, it will seek to ascertain the principles which should regulate our action, and then the men whose leadership is a guarantee of success.

WHITTAKER'S ASSAILANTS.

AN IMPORTANT CLUE TO THE AUTHORS OF THE OUTRAGE.

THREE CADETS REPORTED TO HAVE BEEN HEARD PLANNING THE DEED IN A HIGHLAND FALL'S SALOON.

WEST POINT, *April* 14.—A highly important clue has been struck here at last, one which promises to throw more light on the real authors of the Whittaker outrage than all the testimony which the learned court of inquiry has taken in the past week. It seems that the little village of Highland Falls, a mile and a half below here, is a favorite resort of the wild spirits of the Adademy, both officers and Cadets. The place contains a dozen or more liquor saloons and taverns, four-fifths of the revenue of which is derived from the Military Academy here. Parties of Cadets are in the habit of slipping out of here after "taps," (9:30 o'clock at night,) and staying out to all hours, even to reveille at 6 o'clock in the morning. Although there is a pretense of keeping sentinels and restricting the Cadets to the barracks, not a week passes that boys are not down at the Falls after hours drinking and having a good time in the private rooms attached to the saloons and bar-rooms. On Sunday night last, at the height of the excitement over the outrage, several Cadets slipped out of the barracks and past the sentries, and spent several hours "ginning up" (the language of the barkeeper is used) at one of these places In Highland Falls there has never been a particle of doubt as to the real character of Whittaker's assailants, and the wonder is that the facts, which have become the town talk there, have not long ago reached the ears of the court. That it is known to officers of the academy there is not the slightest doubt.

On the night before the outrage three Cadets (whose names are known) were drinking and carousing after hours at a well-known resort at the Falls. As the liquor mounted to their heads they grew communicative, and the conversation, which was among themselves and confidential, was so loud that it was heard by the barkeeper and others. They talked about "fixing" Whittaker, and discussed the proposed hazing with the greatest zest. After spending several hours in the place, the three Cadets went away, taking the road to the Point. Early next morning the news of the outrage reached Highland Falls, and the proprietor of the saloon, on being told of it by the milkman, who had come that morning from the Point, blurted out in the hearing of two bystanders, "Why, there were three of the boys down here last night, and talked about 'fixing' Whittaker." The story spread rapidly, and was caught up and repeated by others until it reached the Point. The court of inquiry had not yet met, but the saloon-keeper was at once called upon by officers and Cadets, who told him to "keep his mouth shut for God's sake," as it would get the post into trouble. Since then there is reason to believe that the saloon-keeper's mouth has been closed still more effectually. Yesterday he refused to talk on the subject at all. People who live on the road between here and the Falls say that officers have visited the saloon almost every day since, and that two of them were seen this morning talking earnestly with the proprietor. A gentleman who went down to the Falls this morning to learn something about the reports was followed by two mounted officers. One of the officers of the Academy admitted yesterday "that there were 10 or 12 Cadets in the corps who were just mean enough to do such a thing." There is every probability that a day or two more will unearth additional facts, which will justify the United State District Attorney's representative here in taking prompt steps. Mr. Fiero was asked yesterday by the TIMES reporter whether his attention had been called to the stories current in Highland Falls, and he said that it had, and that was investigating it. Further than this he would not speak.

Mr. Fiero has received a letter from the Attorney-General, approving of his course thus far, and telling him to spare no pains whatever to discover the perdetrators.—N. Y. *Times*.

TURNING THE TABLES.

SOMETHING NEW UNDER THE SUN—COLORED MEN LYNCH A WHITE MAN.

A novel lynching case occurred near Warrenton, Va., last Saturday night, not only in the manner of punishment, but the lynching party were colored and their victim a white man. It seems that Aaron Cordell, a well-to-do colored man, left home one morning to be gone several days. Last night Peter Atwood, a white man, went to the house it seems by appointment with the unfaithful wife. A party of colored men, acquainting themselves with existing facts, went to the house, demanded admittance, and, with rope in hand, commanded the man to follow them. They took him to a tree and commenced tying his hands. He showed great signs of terror and began pleading for his life, when one of them said: "We will not be as hard on you as the white men are on us under similar circumstances, but we are certainly going to hang you," and then turning the poor devil end for end, tied his feet together and swung him between earth and heaven by his heels. This morning William Cole, an old colored man, passing by saw the man hanging head downward, and to all appearance dead. He spoke to him, but received no reply, whereupon he cut him down. The victim upon touching the ground regained his feet and dashed off through the woods. The object of the lynching was accomplished, and he has fled from the county a disgraced man.—Louisville Bulletin.

PERSONAL.

—Rev. Holmes has been reinstated as pastor of the 1st African Church Richmond.

—Wm. E. Matthews is prostrated with an attack of typhoid fever.

—"Pete" Augusta after browsing on scanty herbage for these four years is again in clover.

—The presence of J. P. Sampson in this city has been like a bright light shed on some lonesome valley to many an aching heart especially.

—Alfred Carter, business manager of "Our Age" Publishing Company, Evansville, Indiana, is in town.

—Mme. Selika [illegible]ently sung with great success in the [illegible] Concerts given by Brown's Brigade Band and Orchestra of Boston.

—Senator Bruce, after an absence of nearly four years, goes to Mississippi to look after his fences, which, after such a long interval, must sadly be in need of repair.

—Mr. George L. Jackson and Miss Mary J. Draper (daughter of Rev. Daniel Draper, of St. Paul's Chapel, South Washington) were united in marriage last Saturday morning.

—Bishop J. J. Clinton, of the A. M. E. Zion Church is in the city presiding over the Baltimore and Philadelphia Annual Conference. He is still very feeble and has to be be assisted in moving.

—Messrs. T. T. Fortune and W. W. Sampson, formerly compositors on the PEOPLE'S ADVOCATE, have been employed for some months on the New York *Daily Witness*. Last Wednesday the white compositors struck and all but two of them left their cases.

—"When the swallows homeward fly" &c., is no better indication of the change in season than the approach of a political canvass by the appearance of C. J. Malord about Washington. He has been to Virginia, and will return next week, when in all probability he will turn up at Staunton. Charlie looks well.

—Henry Highland Garnett, for the last forty years, has been one of the ablest, most eloquent and at the same time one of the most unselfish friends of his race. Those alone can estimate his worth who knew him in his prime, when in the vigor of early manhood he marked out the line of policy which kept the free men of color from giving entirely away under the heavy pressure of law and public sentiment. He has felt it his duty to remain at his post in New York although he has of late years had flattering offers at other points.

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LOCALS.

—Rev. John H. Brooks was presented with a beautiful clock most Lincoln Mission Tuesday night.

—Rev. J. T. Bolden, of the 19th Street Baptist Church preached an interesting sermon last Sunday morning from Genesis 6th chapter, 13 h verse.

—Visiting clergymen in attendance upon the Conference will preach in the various churches on Sunday.

—Colored Young Men's Christian Association will hold a prayer meeting in Bethel Hall, Sunday afternoon at 5 o'clock. These meeting will be continued every Sunday afternoon at the same time and and place.

—The Colored Young Men's Christian Association will give a reception at Bethel Hall, Tuesday evening, April 27th.

—The membership and friends of Union Bethel A. M. E. Church, under the pastorsh p of Rev. G. W. Brod e have succeeded in liquidating the debt on their property on M street between 16th 17th.

☞ We call the attention of our correspondents and others to the notice at the head of our column s giving the days on which articles for publication should reach this office.

—Societies and Churches desiring local notices of their entertainments and other special exercises in order to ensure the same should send complimentary tickets.

—A mission Sabbath school has been opened at the Berean Baptist Church on 18th street between L and M, beginning at 3½ p. m., and closing at 5. A corps of competent teachers have been secured, with R. C. Douglass, esq., superintendent.

—Rev. Robert Johnson, of the 4th Baptist church having received the highest number of votes at the series of entertainments in Lincoln Mission last week, was presented with a handsome chair. The presentation was made Thursday evening, before a large audience, by Rev. E. W. S. Peck.

—Asbury M. E. Church will have memorial services Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock in honor of Johd Battle and Lambert Stewart, conducted by Gethsemane Commandery. Addresses will be delivered by Sir Knights R. T. Greener and L. C. Bailey. The choir will render some choice selections.

—The A. M. E. Zion Conference is in session at Wesley Zion Church on D street bet. 2nd and 3rd streets, s. w. Bishop J. P. Thompson is presiding, for Bishop Clinton as present is too unwell to assume his duties.

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—The friends of E. D. Bassett, esq., our consul to the Republic of Hayti,—his friends especially in this locality,—will be glad to learn of him in his new position, and of his "well to do position" in several senses. It is well known he has colored blood in him; but he is both in appearance and social bearing a thorough gentleman, intelligent and instructing in conversation, and holds now a post both of profit and honor. It is the example and character of such men, that point the way and method of success to their whole race,—Bridgeport, Conn., paper.

The Baltimore and Philadelphia A. M. E. Zion Conference met in Wesley Zion church Wednesday morning last at 10 o'clock, Bishop J. J. Clinton presiding. The morning lesson was read from the Psalms, and then followed a hymn and prayer. The clerk called the roll and the officers for the present session were elected.

☞ Persons in Georg own dealing the ADVOCATE left at their residence by the week can obtain the paper by leaving their names with our agent, Joseph C. Beckett, 28 Beall street.

A very strange murder occured on the Allendale plantation, in West Baton Rouge parish, last Thursday week. A young man, about sixteen years old, named Sam Washington, got into a fight with a woman named Annie Butler. While they were tussling with each other Annie's thirteen-year old daughter ran into the cabin, got a butcher knife and went behind the man and drove it into his brain. After the knife had been driven in, the girl withdrew it, cleaned and put it way. The mother and daugher then took to the woods, nor have yet been found. All of them are colored.—Ex.

EDUCATIONAL.

The school board of Baltimore have graciously agreed to venture an experiment by giving educated colored people a trial as teachers in the city schools next autumn.

Of the nineteen young ladies in the Miner Normal School in this city, it is asserted on good authority that only fifteen will graduate, the remaining four falling too far below the required average. Let each question herself, is it I?

The great Hampton Normal and Agricultural Institute (where W. N. Armstrong, the embryo defamer of the colored people whom he essays to teach, lives, moves and has his being) requires strictly that all applicants for admission shall know how to read and write and cipher as far as long division.

The young colored artist, Henry O. Tanner, whose last picture, "The Old Pier at Narragansett," was noticed in the *Bulletin* recently, has suddenly become an heir to good fortune. His painting was noticed by a well-known gentlemen of West Philadelphia, who at once sought out the young artist and offered to give him a first-class education. Mr. Tanner has accepted the liberal proposition, and his benefactor will send him abroad and furnish him with every facility for prosecuting his studies.—*Bulletin.*

Delaware has no State system of free schools and no respectable school system of any kind for the colored children. It devotes to Negro schools only the taxes collected from Negro citizens, and as these are poor, and as the Democratic assessors leave most of them off of the tax lists so as to rob them of their votes, the total amount of school money annually raised is about $1,800, which is not enough to give a decent education to one-tenth of the colored children. The fact is the Democratic of Delaware are 'down on niggers," and they want to keep the blacks in ignorance and servitude. What that unhappy little State needs, more than any other State in this neighborhood, is a political revolution. It is being retarded and hurt by the Democratic supremacy of the government by fraud.—Ex.

The trustees of public schools in Baltimore have decided to place next fall two of the colored schools, one in the Eastern, the other in the Western section of the city, in the entire control of colored teachers, provided a sufficient number obtain the required percentage at the semi-annual examination which takes place next month. The board is determined against "mixed" schools, in which both white and colored teachers are engaged, therefore, we advise all those desirous of entering the contest to prepare for it at once, and to send in their names to Rev. J.H. Riddick pastor of the Centennial M. E. church Baltimore Md., who will give them the desired information.

POVERTY AND DISTRESS.

That poverty which produces the greatest distress is not of the purse but of the blood. Deprived of its richness, it became but scant and watery, a condition termed *anemia* in medical writings. Given this condition, and scorfulous swellings and sores, general and nervous debility, loss of flesh and appetite, weak lungs, throat diseases and consumption, are among the common results. Therefore, if you are a sufferer from thin, poor blood, do not hesitate, but employ Golden Medical Discovery which enriches the blood and radically cures these affections by striking at the root of the evil and removing the cause.

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Vital Statistics.

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G. U. O. of O. F.

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The following officers of O. P. Morton Lodge G. U. O. of O. F., were installed for the ensuing quarter last Tuesday night: Ben. D. Bagby, P. N. F.; Dr. T. N. Watson, N. F.; Jno. Pernel, P. N. G.; Wm. Walden, N. G.; Joseph Johnson, V. G.; Thos. Franklin, P. S.; R. T. Easly, R. S. to N. G.; Jesse Freeze, L. S. to N. G.; Jno. Fisher, R. S. to V. G.; Samuel Finley, L. S. to V. G.; Carter Temple, R. J. Johnson and Ben. D. Bagby were elected trustees.—"Leader."

Branton, Mississippi.

Brandon Lodge No, 2002, met at their hall on Friday night, April 2, 1880, for the purpose of installing their officers for the ensuing quarter. There were present about one hundred persons as invited guests who were very much interested in the proceedings. Bro. P. N. F. Spelman, of Jackson Lodge No. 1727, conducted the installation ceremonies, and briefly addressed the audience on the growth of the order in the State, and what it has accomplished as a beneficiary institution. The officers installed were as follows: Wilson Hicks, P. N. F.; D. W. Furch, N. F.; J. R. Strother, P. N. G.; Chas. McAfee, U. G.; C. T. Davis, V. G.; H. Holmes. E. S. After the ceremonies were closed a sumptuous repast was spread, and all partook to their heart's content.

Henry A. Brown, a very worthy colored lawyer, died of consumption in Vicksburg, Miss. on last Saturday April 3rd, and was buried from the A. M. E. church on Sunday morning, by the several societies of which he was an honored member.

He was about thirty-one years of age. He read law in Boston, Mass., with Robert Morris, Esq., and was a graduate from a law college in that State. He came South in the year of 1872, and was admitted to the bar in the State of Louisiana, and practiced his profession in the parish of Tensas, haying St. Joseph as his headquarters. Recently he went to Vicksburg, and was admitted to the bar, and was gaining general favor among the profession, and establishing his reputation and a shrowed lawyer. He was a member of the G. U. O. of O. F. holding his membership in the Pride of Jefferson Lodge 1912 of New Orleans. The Lodges here and the Sabbath school of which he was a member turned out and escorted the remains part of the way to the cemetery with their banners bearing a rosette of mourning. The Odd Fellows Fraternity, followed in the rear of the Sunday School and then the friends in carriages brought up the rear of procession.—Miss. "Republican."

ARKANSAS.

The celebration of the Fourth Anniversary of Rural Home Lodge No. 1720, and Third Anniversary of Ebony Lodge, No. 1796 G. U. O. of O. F. took place Thursday March 25th, 1880.

A procession was formed and Marched through the principal streets of the city, headed by Prof. Einney's Silver Cornet Band, and made a grand display.

At 7:30 p. m., P. N. F., J. P. Winfrey Master of Ceremonies, called the lodge to order, and formed the procession which proceeded to the basement of Bethel A. M. E. church where the installation ceremonies were conducted by P. N. F., J. P. Winfrey assisted by P. N. F., I. S. Singleton on the part of Rural Home, and P. N. F., G. W. Bohannan asisted by P. N. F., O. L. Gordon on the part of Ebony Lodge.

The following named brethren were installed officers for the ensuing year:

Rural Home.	Ebony.
P. S., M. H. Henderson,	W. H. Smith,
W. T., M. E. Jeffries,	W. B. McNair,
W. C., Jenifer,	Henry Watson.

The quarterly officers were also regularly installed, after which the master of ceremonies called the house to order, and introduced the orator of the day P. G. F., Henry Simkens of Ebony Lodge No. 1796 to deliver the annual address, Subject: Odd Fellowship, its origin and Progress. The Master of reception P. W. G. M., M. H. Henderson, gave the necessary reception, after which the orator proceeded as follows:

Worthy Master of Ceremonies, Brothers of the Fraternity, ladies and gentlemen, I am pleased to greet you in the bonds of Friendship Love and Truth, particularly you who have knelt at the sacred altar and have chosen me to deliver the Annual Address of Rural Home and Ebony Lodges. I thank you for the honor.

I am pleased to say that Rural Home Lodge is this day four years in the Odd Fellows arena, she started in 1876 with about forty members, her membership has gradually increased to ninty, fifty of whom are financial, being the mother Lodge in Arkansas. She had a pretty hard time to begin with, but thanks to the allseeing God she stands second to none in this jurisdiction; she has a membership of 20 Past N. F's, 4 P. G. M's, 2 M. V. P's, and has the honor of setting up Ebony, Corinthian, Hot Springs, Center Point and other Lodges, total in this State 10, in Texas 8. She has a full set of dress regalia and all Lodge paraphernalia paid for, and is progressing nicely.

Ebony Lodge like her mother has secured all the necessary Lodge paraphernalia and has purchased and paid for a full set of Dress Regalia and is progressing slowly but surely, being only three years in the mystic circle and gotten up under less favorable circumstances. She has not been as progressive in setting up new lodges and passing her officers to higher spheres of usefulness in the Order as has the mother, Rural Home; but one thing, Ebony has reasons to be thankful for, is that she has not had to mourn the loss of but one brother since her establishment. Rural Home has not had any deaths this year but since her establishment she has buried five.

I am pleased to say that Ebony has received one application to set up a new lodge in this city for the benefit of farmers and others residing at Fourchi Dam with a membership of about 25. She started in 1877 with a membership of 23, and has gradually increased until her membership now stands sixty-four and a H. H. of Ruth. Increased this year to fourteen. Total number at the last anniversary fifty. We have one M. V. P., 12 P. N. F's., 47 financial members, 3 taken clearance, 6 forfeited and 8 delinquents.

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